

Table A. Governmental Data Sources on Health Insurance Coverage in the U.S.

Survey	Coverage Metrics	Data Release Timeline†	Survey Modality; Approximate Sample Size	Feasible Geographic Estimates	Limitations for COVID-Related Estimates
Survey Name (Sponsoring Agency)					
American Community Survey (Census)	Coverage at time of interview (survey conducted throughout year).	2020 data available in Fall 2021	Internet, mail, telephone, and in-person; 2.2 million households and 150,000 group quarters individuals per year	National, State, and Sub-state geographies (Metropolitan Areas, Counties, Public-Use Microdata Areas)	-- Long lag time -- Data collection interrupted from March-June 2020. -- No publicly-available estimates except for full-year average.
Current Population Survey Annual Social and Economic Supplement (Census/BLS)	Coverage at interview (Feb-Apr); coverage at any time during year prior to interview. Collected, not included in PUF: Coverage in each month of calendar year prior to interview	Point-in-time for March 2020 available in September 2020. Full 2020 available in September 2021.	Telephone and in-person survey; 98,000 households per year	National, State	-- Response rates dropped in March 2020
Household Pulse Survey (Census/BLS/CDC)	Coverage at interview	Weekly estimates made available 1 week after collection	Internet-based survey; 80,000 – 100,000 households per week	National, State, Select MSAs	-- Low response rate (2-3% in Phase I; ~10% in Phase II) -- No validation studies to support estimation -- No data predating April 2020
National Health Interview Survey (NCHS)	Coverage at time of interview; uninsured for part of year prior to interview; uninsured for more than year prior to interview	First estimates for January-June 2020 likely in November 2020. Full 2020 data available in May 2021	In-person; 35,000 households per year	National, some states	-- Smaller sample size than other governmental surveys
Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Household Component (AHRQ)	Coverage at time of interviews; coverage month-by-month over a two-year span	Point-in-time data usually made available 1 year after collection; longitudinal (2-year) files usually made available 3-4 years after panel initiation	In-person; 12,000-14,000 households per year	National	-- Smaller sample size than other governmental surveys -- Long lag time -- No state identifiers on publicly-available data
Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (CDC)	Coverage at time of interview	2020 data available in August 2021	Telephone; 400,000 people per year	National, State	-- Lower response rate than other government surveys
Survey of Income and Program Participation (Census)	Monthly coverage during the previous year	Data usually made available 2-3 years after collection	Telephone and in-person; 14,000 to 52,000 households per panel	National, State	-- Extremely long lag time

Table B. Nongovernmental Data Sources on Health Insurance Coverage in the U.S. (Surveys fielded in response to COVID-19)[‡]

Survey	Coverage Metrics	Data Release Timeline [†]	Survey Modality; Approximate Sample Size	Feasible Geographical Estimates	Limitations for COVID-Related Estimates
Survey Name (Sponsoring Organization)					
Understanding Coronavirus in America Tracking Survey (USC)	Coverage at time of interview; whether coverage is through a former job	Data made available several days after collection	Internet-based survey; 6,300 per wave	National, Los Angeles County	-- Does not ask about source(s) of coverage, except among unemployed respondents
COVID Impact Survey (Data Foundation)	Coverage at time of interview	Data made available several days after collection	Telephone and internet-based survey; 8,400 per week	National, select states and MSAs	-- Survey administration paused in June; unclear if future waves will be fielded
Coronavirus Tracking Survey (Urban Institute)	Coverage at time of interview	Findings published about 1 month after collection	Internet-based survey; 4,352 in first round	National	-- Microdata not publicly available

[†] Timing of anticipated releases for COVID-relevant data based on prior release schedules.

[‡] Only surveys with multiple waves are included